

Urban District Council of Charlton Kings.

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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1943.

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Urban District Council of Charlton Kings.

**ANNUAL REPORT,
1943.**

*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District
Council of Charlton Kings.*

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1943.

As in the previous Report only the essential matters concerning the Urban District of Charlton Kings are given—this in accordance with instructions received at the outbreak of War.

I am, Mr. Chairman, & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. D. OUTRED,

(Acting) Medical Officer of Health.

URBAN DISTRICT OF CHARLTON KINGS.

Annual Report of the (acting) Medical Officer of Health for the year 1943.

Area in acres, 3,399.

Rateable value, £40,027.

Number of inhabited houses, 1,677.

Yield of one penny rate, £161 7s. 5d.

Population (as estimated by the Registrar General), 5,903.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

	LIVE BIRTHS.					
	Males.			Females.		
Legitimate	...	50	...	44	...	94
Illegitimate	...	9	...	3	...	12
Total	...	59	...	47	...	106

11·3 % of total births were illegitimate.

Birth Rate per 1,000 population, 17·9.

INFANTILE DEATH RATE.

	DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.					
	Males.			Females.		
Legitimate	...	5	...	2	...	7
Illegitimate	...	—	...	—	...	—
Total	...	5	...	2	...	7

Infantile Mortality Rate of **66** per 1,000 Live Births.

DEATHS.

Deaths registered, 80 (Males 40, Females 40).

A Death Rate of **13·5** per 1,000 population.

One death was transferred out as a non-resident, and twenty were transferred in, as residents whose deaths occurred outside the district.

The deaths were certified as due to:—

DISEASE.						Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis—Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
„ Breast	..	...	...	...	...	—	1
„ Other Sites	...	...	...	...	...	6	4
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Intra cranial and vascular diseases	...	...	...	...	...	6	5
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	7	10
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Congenital Malformation	} Injury at Birth, etc.				...	2	—
Violent Deaths					...	—	1
All other forms	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
Total						40	40

Heart Diseases and Diseases of Arteries 45 per cent.
Cancer 15 per cent., Tuberculosis 2·4 per cent. of the total deaths.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1943.

Scarlet Fever, 16; Measles, 14; Pneumonia, 11; Whooping Cough, 8; Diphtheria, 5.

AGE PERIODS AT WHICH NOTIFICATIONS WERE RECEIVED OF SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA, PNEUMONIA, WHOOPING COUGH, AND MEASLES.

	Under 5 years of Age.	5 and under 15 years of Age.	15 and under 25 years of Age.	Over 25 years of Age.	Total No.
Scarlet Fever	4	...	8	...	16
Diphtheria	1	...	4	...	5
Whooping Cough	6	...	2	...	8
Measles	...	3	...	9	14
Pneumonia	...	2	...	1	11

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED.

Sex.	Age.	Respiratory.	Other Forms.
Males	...	24	...
Females	...	71	...
„	...	17	...
Males	...	37	...
Females	...	42	...
„	...	26	...

Number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1943 :—

PULMONARY.			NON-PULMONARY.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
16	16	32	5	6	11
Total					43

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Number of children known to be completely immunised against Diphtheria on the 31st December, 1943 :—

Under 5 years of age.	5 and under 15 years of age.
231 ... 44·9 %	414 ... 67·0 %

Percentage of the population at those age periods
(Population taken from the Food Register).

BIRTH, INFANTILE MORTALITY, AND DEATH RATES
FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

			1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.
Birth Rate	...	...	15.1	...	12.8	...	11.8	...	17.9
Infantile Mortality Rate			65	...	21.0	...	13.8	...	66.0
Death Rate	...	...	13.2	...	12.6	..	14.4	...	13.5

FOR COMPARISON, THE RATES OF ENGLAND AND WALES,
AND COUNTY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE, Birth and Death Rates

are given below. . .

	England and Wales.	County of Gloucestershire.	Urban District of Charlton Kings.
Birth Rate ... (Per 1,000 population).	16'1	18'7	17'9
Death Rate ... (Per 1,000 population).	12'1	12'1	13'5
Infantile Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births).	49	40	66

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1943.

COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, BAKEHOUSES, FACTORIES, ETC.

		Number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Nuisances abated.
Cowsheds and Dairies	...	163	...	12	...	12
Bakehouses	... ..	8	...	—	...	—
Factories and Workshops, etc.		43	...	6	...	6

The following particulars have been submitted to me by Mr. Middleton, the Sanitary Inspector.

I. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during 1943.

- 1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 9
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 28
- 2 (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 Nil.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil.
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation Nil.
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation Nil.

II. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit
in consequence of informal action by Local
Authority or their Officers --- 11

HOUSING.

The cement shortage during 1943, and difficulty in obtaining labour and materials, curtailed housing activities, and defects were confined as far as possible to urgent nuisances.

IV. Housing Act, 1936. Part 4—Overcrowding.

- (i.) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during
the year Nil.
- (ii.) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil.

FOOD CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Tinned fish, 6 lbs. Other tinned foods, 146½ lbs.

HOUSING—OVERCROWDING.

The Inspector (Mr. Middleton) reports :—

Considering war conditions the property remains in a very satisfactory state of repair. As regards overcrowding I am sorry to say conditions are not good, owing to the number of evacuees billeted in this area, and also the large number of temporary residents who are working in or in the neighbourhood.